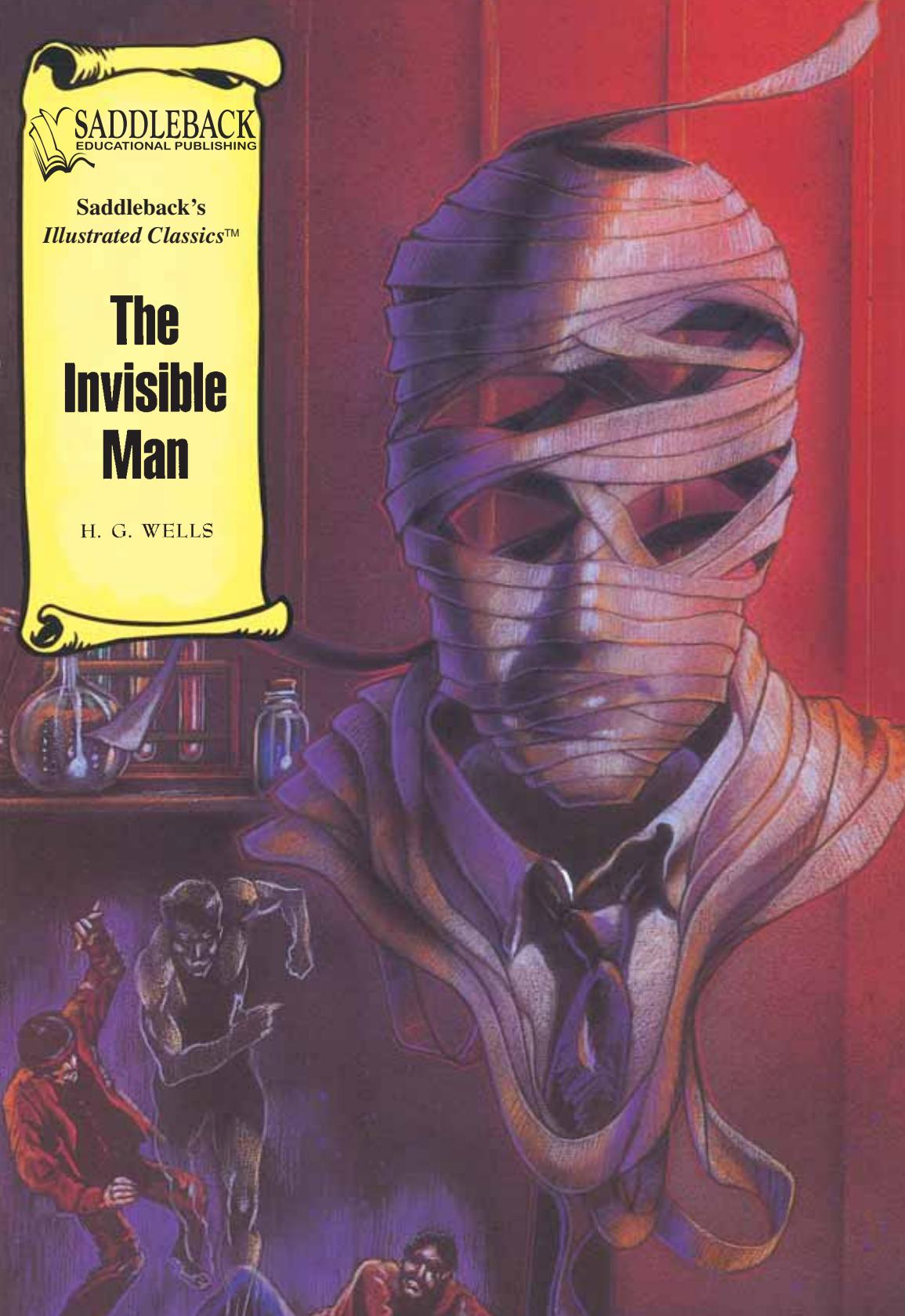


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Welcome to Saddleback's *Illustrated Classics*™

We are proud to welcome you to Saddleback's *Illustrated Classics*™. Saddleback's *Illustrated Classics*™ was designed specifically for the classroom to introduce readers to many of the great classics in literature. Each text, written and adapted by teachers and researchers, has been edited using the Dale-Chall vocabulary system. In addition, much time and effort has been spent to ensure that these high-interest stories retain all of the excitement, intrigue, and adventure of the original books.

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Overview

Everyone deserves to read the best literature our language has to offer. Saddleback's *Illustrated Classics*™ was designed to acquaint readers with the most famous stories from the world's greatest authors, while teaching essential skills. You will learn how to:

- Establish a purpose for reading
- Use prior knowledge
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Step-By-Step

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1. ***Listen!*** We suggest that you listen to the read-along. (At this time, please ignore the beeps.) You will enjoy this wonderfully dramatized presentation.
2. ***Pre-reading Activities.*** After listening to the audio presentation, the pre-reading activities in the Activity Book prepare you for reading the story by setting the scene, introducing more difficult vocabulary words, and providing some short exercises.
3. ***Reading Activities.*** Now turn to the “While you are reading” portion of the Activity Book, which directs you to make a list of story-related facts. Read-along while listening to the audio presentation. (This time pay attention to the beeps, as they indicate when each page should be turned.)
4. ***Post-reading Activities.*** You have successfully read the story and listened to the audio presentation. Now answer the multiple-choice questions and other activities in the Activity Book.

Remember,

“Today’s readers are tomorrow’s leaders.”



H. G. Wells

Herbert George Wells, an English novelist, historian, journalist, and author of science-fiction stories, was born in 1866. His father was a shopkeeper, and his mother worked occasionally as a housekeeper. After completing his early formal schooling, Wells worked as a teacher. He later received a scholarship to study at a school with a special focus on the sciences.

His training as a scientist is shown in his imaginative science-fiction stories. Wells described trips in airplanes and submarines when such modes of transportation had not yet been invented. *The Time Machine* describes a trip into the future, and *The War of the Worlds* is an account of an invasion from Mars. Several of his science fiction works have been the basis of popular movies.

Though he is best-known for his science fiction stories, Wells wrote a variety of other works. He was a strong believer in education and wrote three lengthy books in which he tried to bring important ideas in history and science to the general public. His numerous books, articles, and essays also show his bold support of social change.

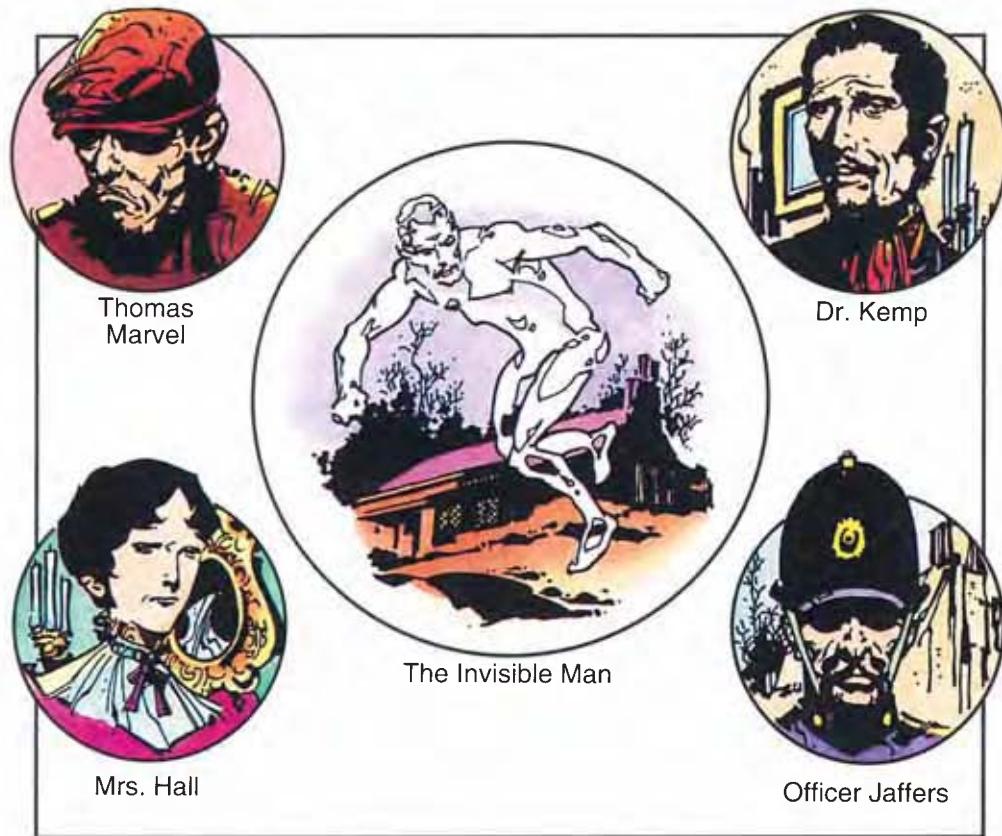
H. G. Wells died in 1946.

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THE MAIN CHARACTERS



Would an Invisible Man rule the world? Could he steal great wealth as an unseen thief? Kill people who stood in his way? Scare the countryside and make people all obey him? That's what the young scientist, Griffin thought—until he found that being invisible caused great troubles and kept him from his evil wishes. His terrible actions only made the whole world his enemy, until he was hunted down like a mad dog.





After the landlady lit fire in his room, she was surprised when....



Later, when Mrs. Hall brought a tray....



He did not begin to eat, but held his napkin in front of his mouth as he spoke.





The puzzled landlady talked to her kitchen maid....



The mystery grew and grew....



I have some boxes at the railroad station. How soon can they be brought here? I need them.

By tomorrow, sir.



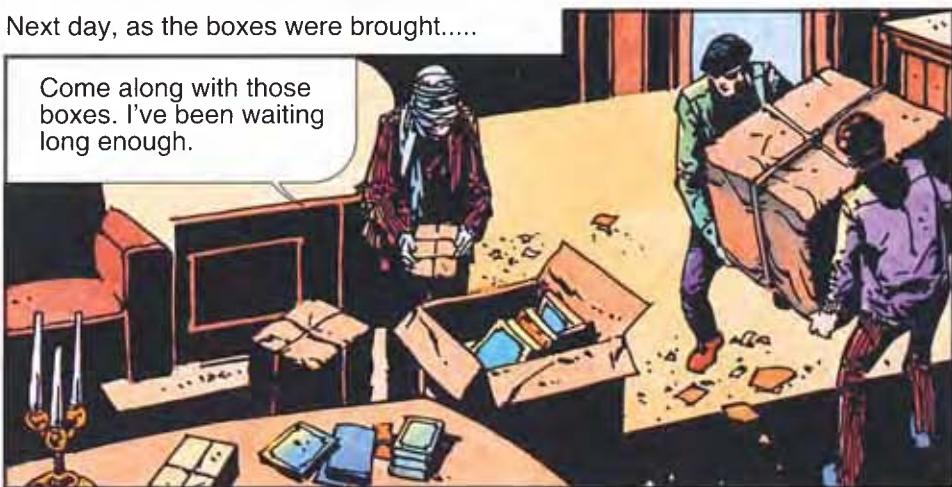


Mr. Henfrey decided to stay longer, but...



Next day, as the boxes were brought....

Come along with those boxes. I've been waiting long enough.



When the angry guest went outside to talk to the boss....

Listen, mister...Oh!
Your dog bit me!
My leg... my hand!

Stop that,
you beast!



To everyone's surprise....

My pants leg is torn open! And my glove! Must reach my room quickly!

Sure ran off in a hurry!



The landlady brought her husband to the door....

The dog bit him.
He might need a doctor, poor fellow.

I'll go in and see.



In the dark room
without a lamp
burning...



Get out! I'm not
hurt. Just have the rest
of my bags brought
in. Do you hear?



Alone....

There! New pants
and a glove, and
every inch of my
body is covered
again. Darn that
dog! He nearly gave
away my secret.

When the last box had been brought in....





But Mrs. Hall saw something extraordinary....



In the following days, the sound of bottles smashing and books being thrown about often came from the stranger's room....



Later, bringing tea and cleaning up....



He lost his temper every day,
as Mrs. Hall could not help hearing.

Confound it!
I have failed again!

He's always talking to himself as if he has a terrible problem. And he seldom leaves his room.



But sometimes at night, he walked around the town....

That's the mystery man from the Coach and Horses. He nearly ran us down as if he didn't see us at all!



Oh, mamma!
It's the Bogey Man!

He certainly looks like it.



Meanwhile, throughout town, people had different ideas about the bandaged mystery man.

Bet he's a crook hiding out from the police!

A murderer, that's what!

Naw! Just a harmless nut!

I say he practices black magic.



Young people, less frightened, made fun of the stranger.



One day Dr. Cuss, the town's doctor, decided to visit the mysterious stranger....

The doctor met the same shocking surprise Mr. Hall had.



The following Monday night, at the vicarage, the Reverend Bunting and his wife were suddenly awakened....





As the frightened pair fled....



They even wondered more later when....



Recovering from all these strange things, the landlady faced her guest, in the bar.



The guest took out his stolen money....



I want to know how you got in if your room was empty before? And why the chair lifted itself and came at me? And all the other strange things that have been going on. Answer me, sir!



Stamping his foot in great anger, the mystery man yelled back, and....







Since she was so afraid, Mrs. Hall called the police.



Bravely, the policeman grabbed the headless man....



The Invisible Man fought, but the policeman was helped by other men....



But the Invisible Man's gloves came off during the fight, and....





But they might as well have tried to stop a ghost.



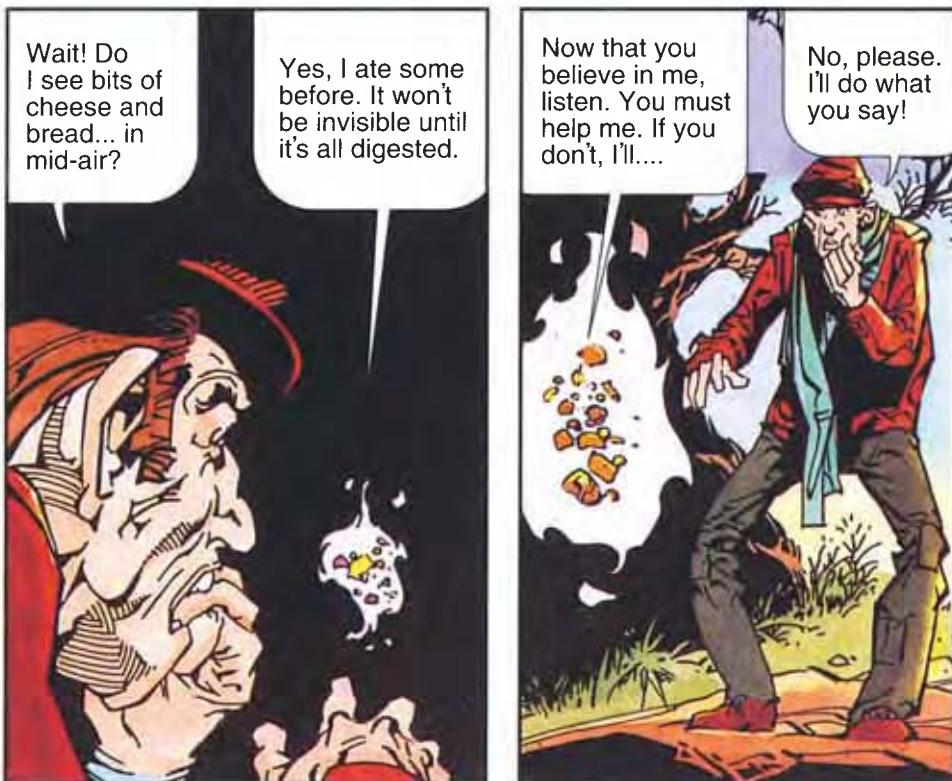
And like a tornado, the unseen man rushed through the town uncaught.

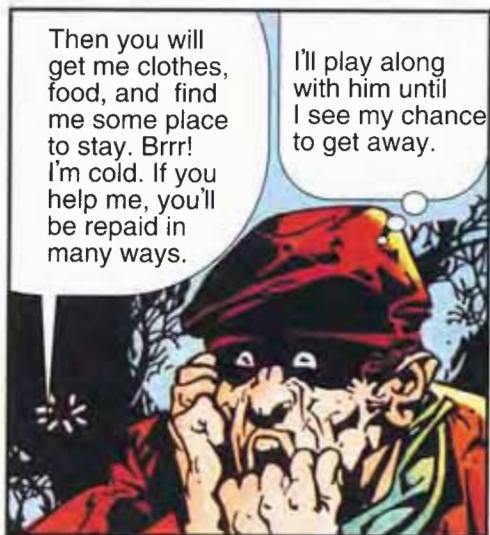




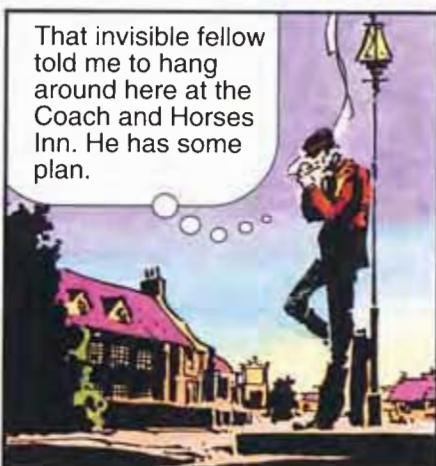
But one thing made the hobo believe more than anything said to him....

The voice from thin air gave orders to the shocked hobo.





Later, back in the village of Iping....



Meanwhile, in the room the Invisible Man had rented



Quiet footsteps, and then....





Outside, where the hobo waited....



Meanwhile, at a fair nearby....



Later, the invisible man returned to the inn.



But later, he was sorry for the things he had done in the last hour....



The truth is, the Invisible Man is here right now, slipping stolen money into my pocket.



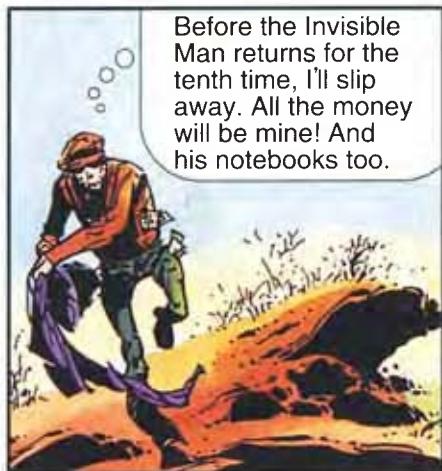
Meanwhile, where Thomas Marvel, the hobo, sat on a bench in another small town nearby....



All through town, a series of silent robberies took place.



But meanwhile a sneaky idea came to the little hobo....



Some time later, a fleeing figure was seen... and heard...running toward another village.



The frightened hobo ran into a bar....



The next moment....



As Marvel was dragged away, one bar customer pulled a gun, and took bad aim.

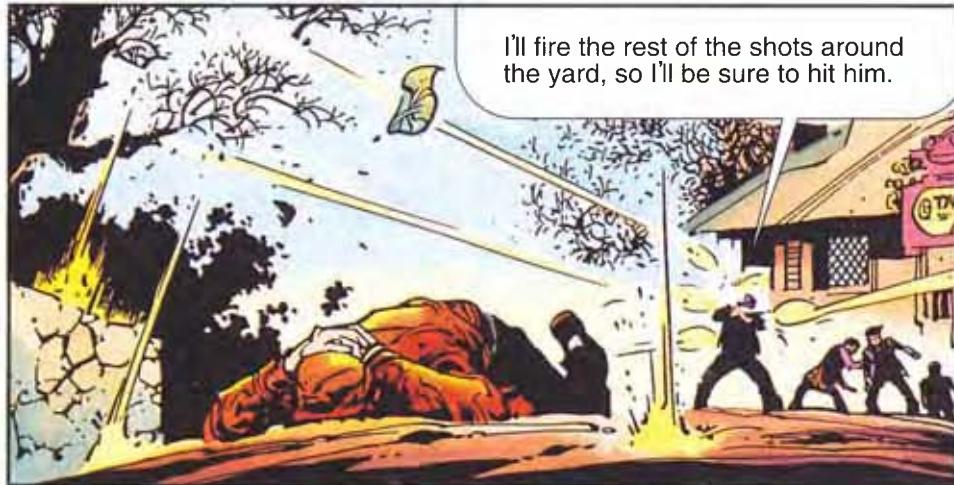


When they tried to grab the unseen man....



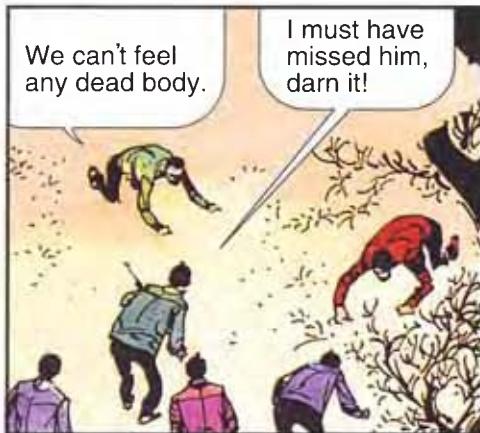
In the backyard, the man with the gun fired again.





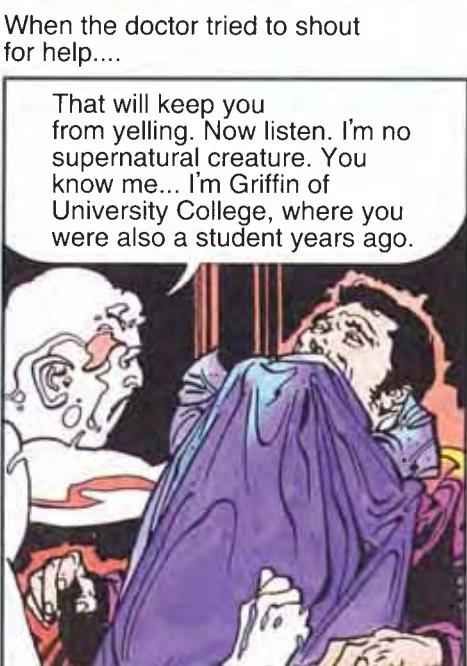
Yet, when they looked around....

That night, at the home of Dr. Kemp....

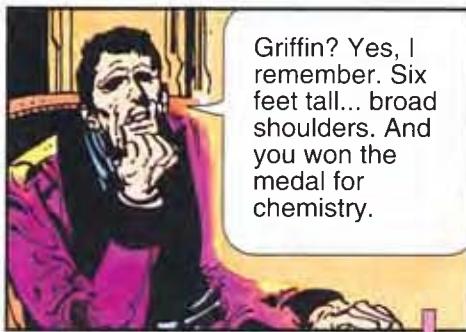


Puzzled, he went to his bedroom ...for another surprise.





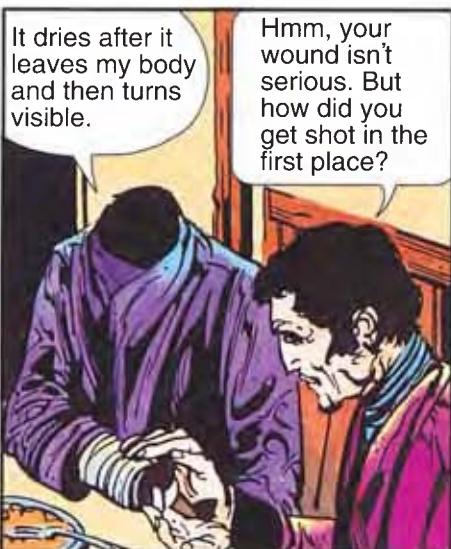
The gag was removed when the doctor quieted down....

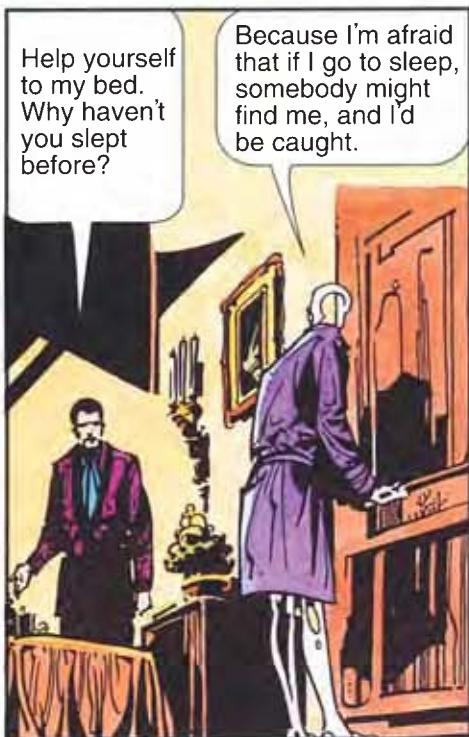
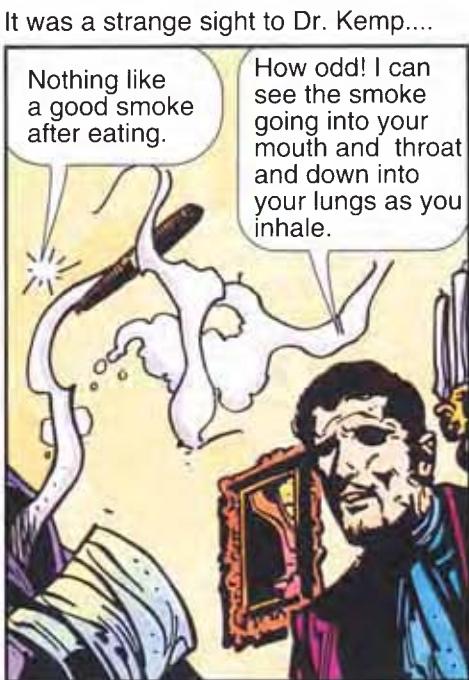
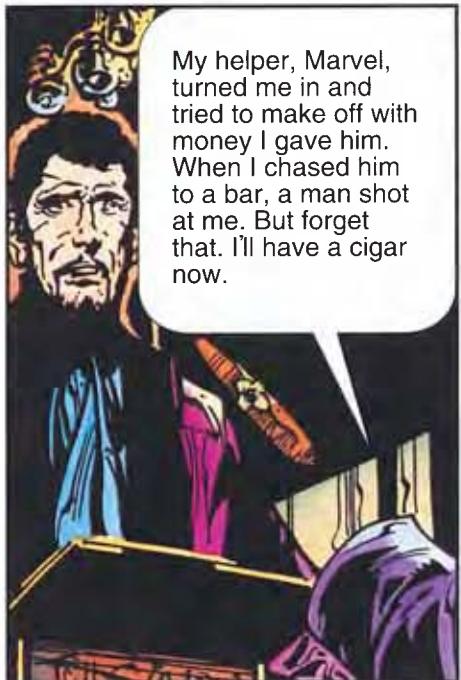


The doctor gave him a robe . . .



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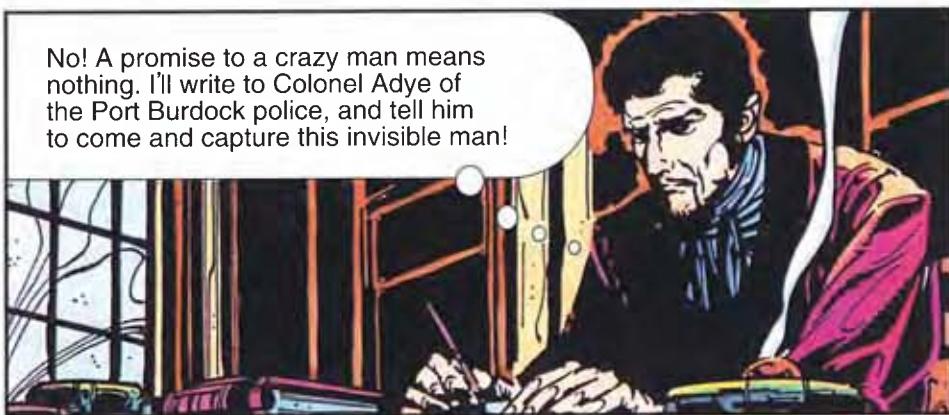
Dr. Kemp stayed up, reading the newspaper stories about his strange guest.



The doctor stayed up till dawn, trying to decide what to do.



No! A promise to a crazy man means nothing. I'll write to Colonel Adye of the Port Burdock police, and tell him to come and capture this invisible man!



A crash sounded upstairs and after the door was unlocked....

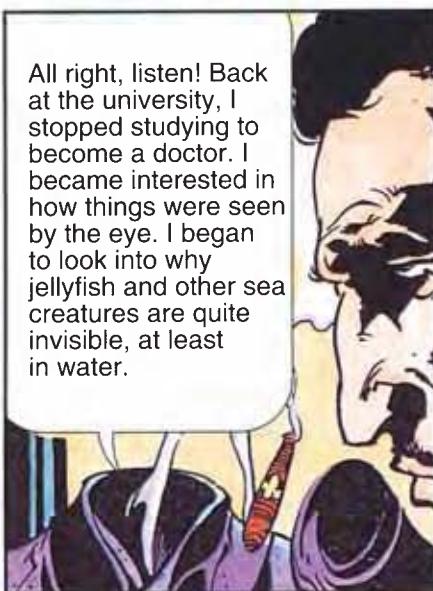


After Kemp led his unseen guest to the breakfast room.



Before I can promise anything, I must know all about this invisibility of yours.

All right, listen! Back at the university, I stopped studying to become a doctor. I became interested in how things were seen by the eye. I began to look into why jellyfish and other sea creatures are quite invisible, at least in water.



The question was, could things be made invisible in air, not water? My studies showed me that besides the coloring of skin and hair and the redness of blood, a man's body cells could easily be made transparent.



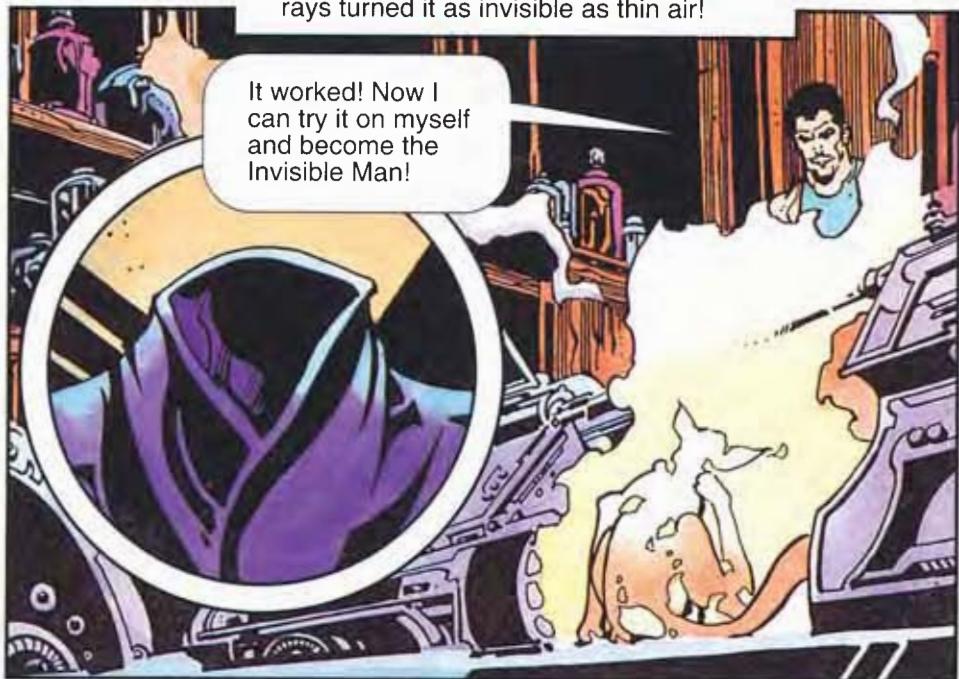
And then you found out how to turn even skin, hair, and blood colorless?



Exactly! A chemical mixture could do it, along with the rays from two small dynamos run by a gas engine. I first tested out my plan on a cat and....

....after it drank the drug, the dynamo rays turned it as invisible as thin air!

It worked! Now I can try it on myself and become the Invisible Man!

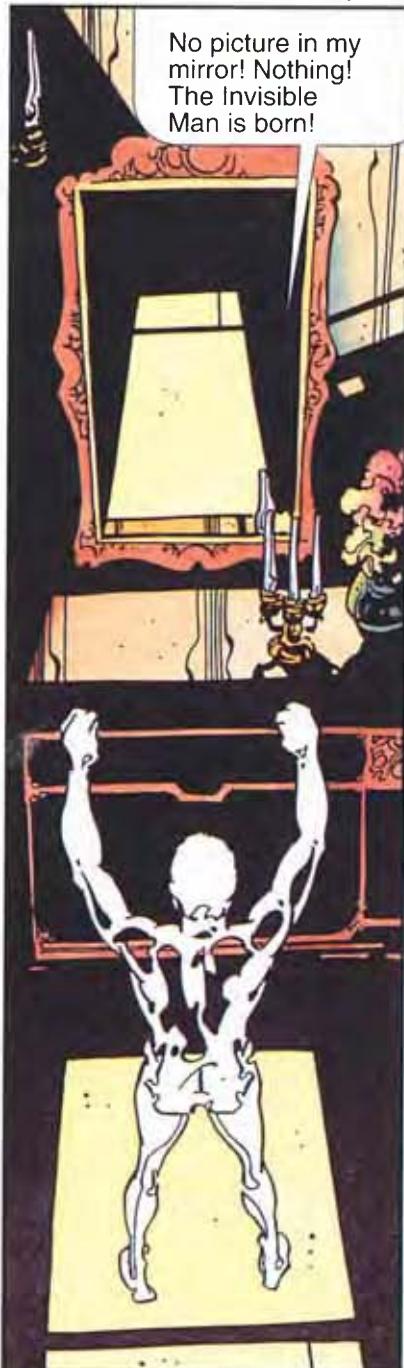




It worked slowly. First my skin turned pure white... then my whole body became milky, like cloudy glass... then my body began disappearing except for hair, fingernails, and bones.



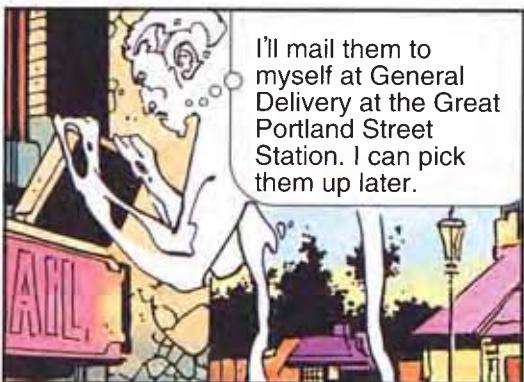
Finally, as the dynamo rays kept working on my body....



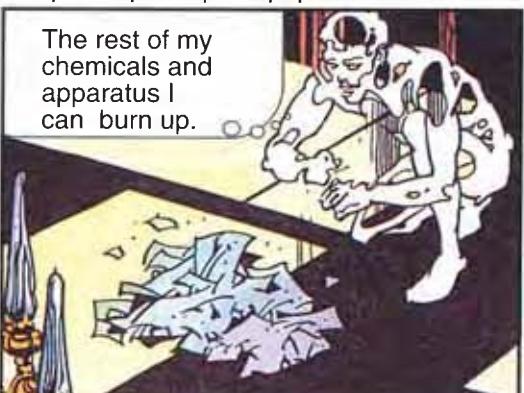
But the landlord and his two husky step-sons suddenly came in, because of the noise of the dynamos



When they went out, wondering, I slipped out with my three notebooks containing the invisibility formulas and....



Then I sneaked back into my room and piled up scraps of paper....



Of course the whole house burned down... but I had to do it, Kemp, to protect my secret!



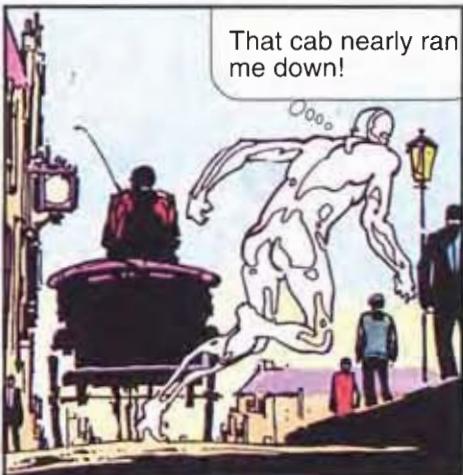
At first, I felt happy when I walked away...



But I didn't think about what would happen if others could not see me!



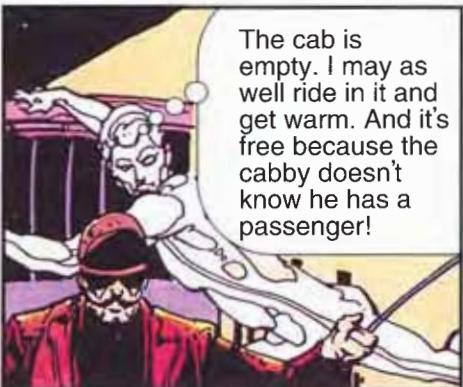
More trouble as I crossed a street....



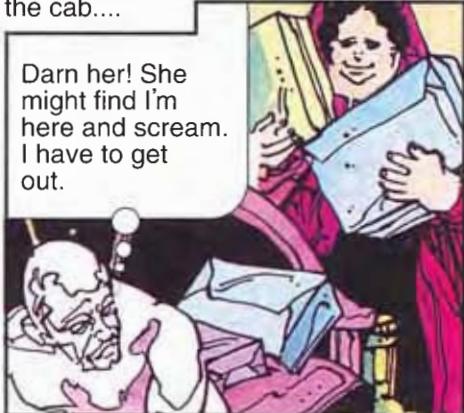
But that gave me a clever idea!



But it was a cold day in January and in my bare skin, I was very cold, so then....



But later, when a woman stopped the cab....



Another danger I had not seen was that dogs have very sharp noses...

That dog will follow me and bite me, unless I outrun him.



Worst of all, two boys with sharp eyes noticed something peculiar....



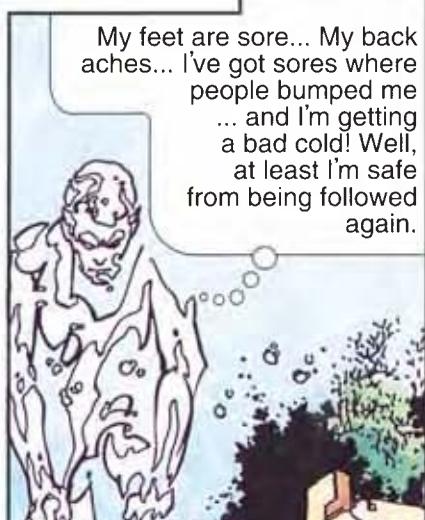
Those brats made me run into a yard and painfully climb over a wall.



I stopped and....



Though not being chased anymore, I had plenty of small troubles.



I left behind some very puzzled people!

The footprints ended suddenly, right here! Where did he go? And why was he walking around barefoot, in winter?



But then, to my horror....



An idea flashed into my mind.



And soon, I was happy and warm on a pile of mattresses.



When closing time came, I woke up and...



At last...



But I may as well sleep the rest of the night. I'll keep my clothes on for an early start tomorrow, leaving the store.



But I overslept and suddenly sat up to find the store full of clerks!





But I was found too soon...

Here he is! That thief is wearing clothing that he stole from this store!

Darn it! I'll be chased like a hunted rabbit again.



Oddly enough, I did not think to take off my clothes and easily escape as the Invisible Man!

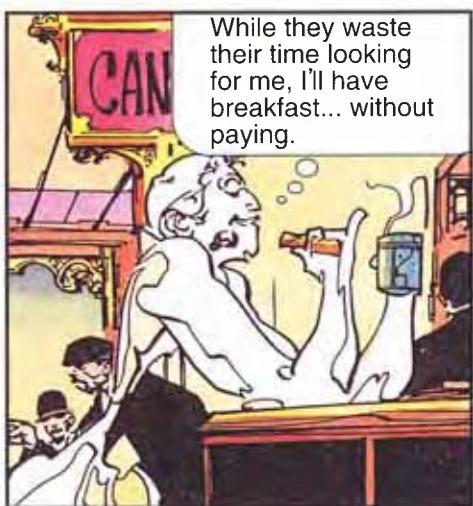
I fought my way through different departments...



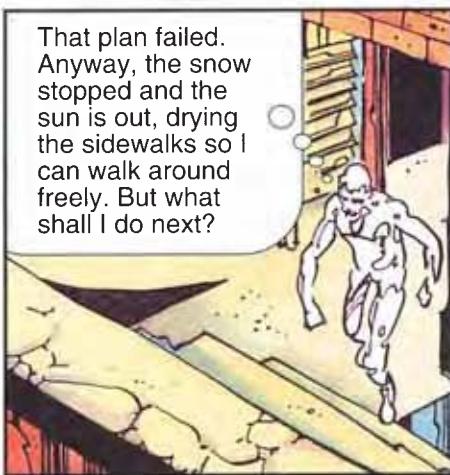
...and finally had time to rest.



They looked everywhere but where I was.



As the store became busier, I left it the same way I had entered ...unclothed.



As Griffin continued his amazing tale to Dr. Kemp....

At that moment, I sadly came to know that being invisible was not all good; it had many things against it! With bare skin I was freezing... yet wearing clothes made me ugly without a face... if I ate too much the undigested food would give me away... dogs could smell me with their noses... snow would show my footprints.



What was worse, I could see how rain would show my human form... fog would turn me into a visible ghost... even dust and soot falling on my skin would make me visible again.



But finally, another answer to my problem came to me...

I can dress up if I cover my invisible head and face with a wig and false beard! I'll get them in this shop, and clothes too.



The shopkeeper had heard the bell door tinkle, but when he came out...



The next time he left to serve a customer



But I had to stay still when the shopkeeper returned to his lunch.



But while I was looking through some old clothes...



But he knew something was wrong.....

He's locking every door! That will stop me from looking for the things I need.



I'll have to knock him out and take his keys.



There, old man! That'll keep you quiet while I finish looking around.



After choosing some old clothes, I found other things I needed.

A wig... black beard. dark glasses...and a mask! Now I can go out among other people safely.





I went to another place and ordered a private room....

But my new disguise led to another problem....



Later, I went to the Great Portland Street Post Office and claimed my package...



With my notes I'll experiment and find a way to become visible again. Being invisible all the time has too many problems. I'll rent a room in some small town and buy chemicals with the stolen money.



As Griffin's strange story ended....

So that was how I came to Iping and the Coach and Horses Inn. But it was a mistake to get that hobo, Thomas Marvel, to help me. He not only took money from me, but also hid my three notebooks. Now I need a new partner...



But Dr. Kemp was saved from answering when....



...you, Kemp! With your help I can take over town after town! To begin with, I'll kill anybody who gets in my way until I run this town. Are you with me?



You tricked me! It's the police, isn't it? I'll toss off my robe and slip away as the Invisible Man.



But as luck would have it....



As the two men fought, the door opened six inches...



Kemp was flung back...



Climbing the stairs, Colonel Adye was pushed out of the way....



When Dr. Kemp had recovered...



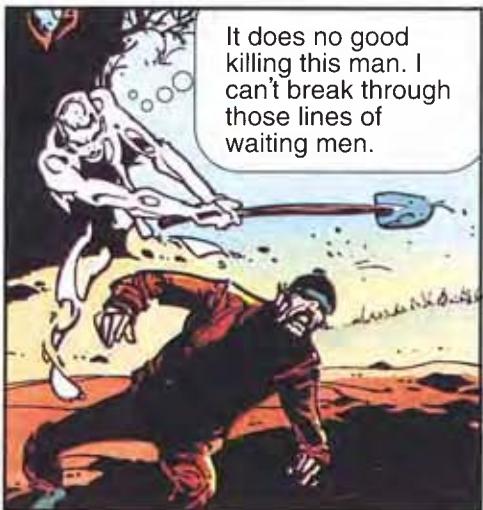
After the doctor explained it all....



The whole countryside joined the police in guarding every way of escape...



One poor man met the Invisible Man...



Back in town, the Invisible Man understood he was trapped....



Kemp found a note under his door....



That's right. Close all shutters and lock the doors. Then take this note to Colonel Adye. I'll be safe here.



Some time later.....



And it came with a loud noise....

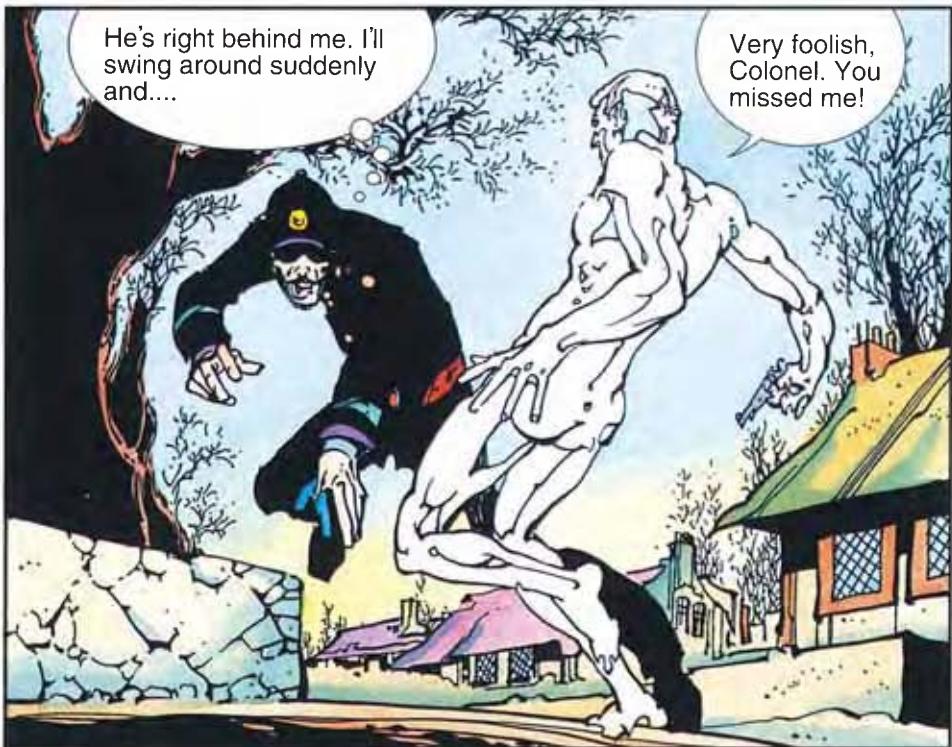


Colonel Adye decided to go to
the police station for help, but....





Colonel Adye tried one more trick....





Dr. Kemp was really afraid....



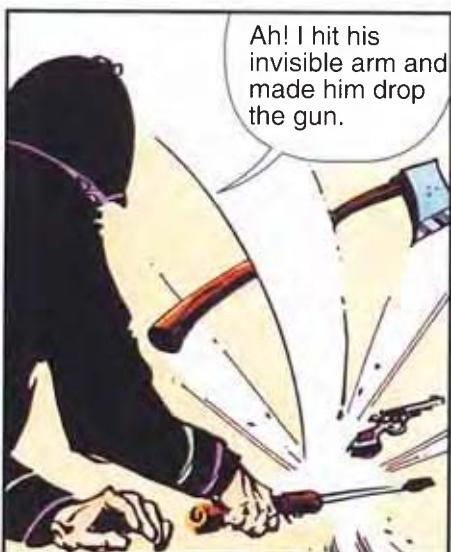
Soon in the kitchen....



Shortly after, Kemp let in his maid and two policemen she brought back....



But that door was chopped down too, and then....



As the brave policeman swung again at his invisible enemy....



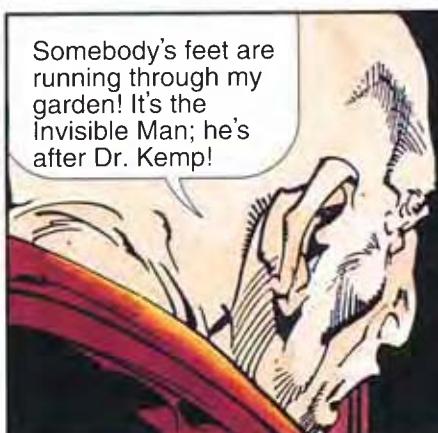
But the other policeman grabbed up the poker....



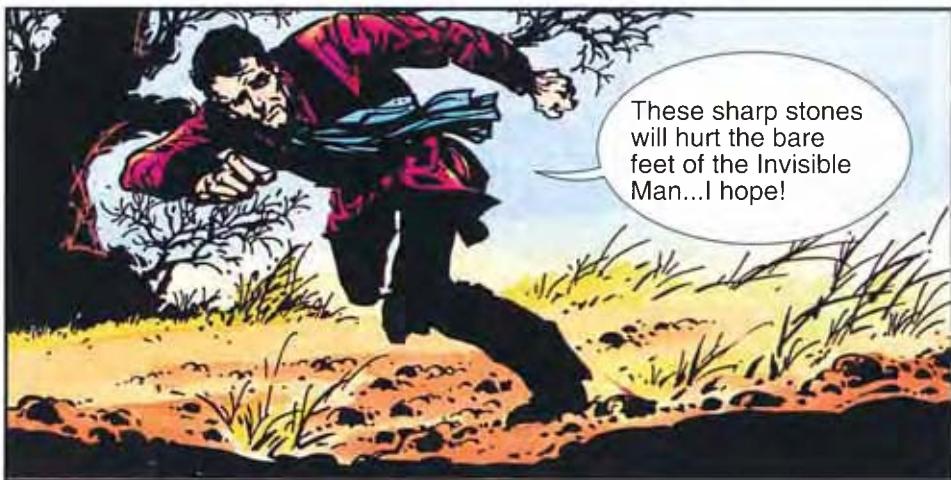
When the policeman looked for Dr. Kemp....



When Dr. Kemp ran to a neighbor's house for help....



The doctor tried any trick to slow down the killer.



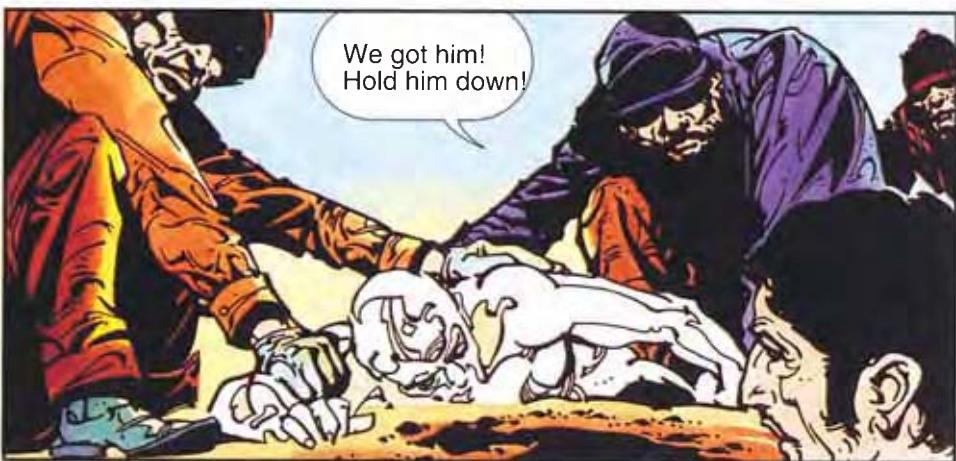
Further on....



They won't stop me, Dr. Kemp! Now to squeeze the life out of you!

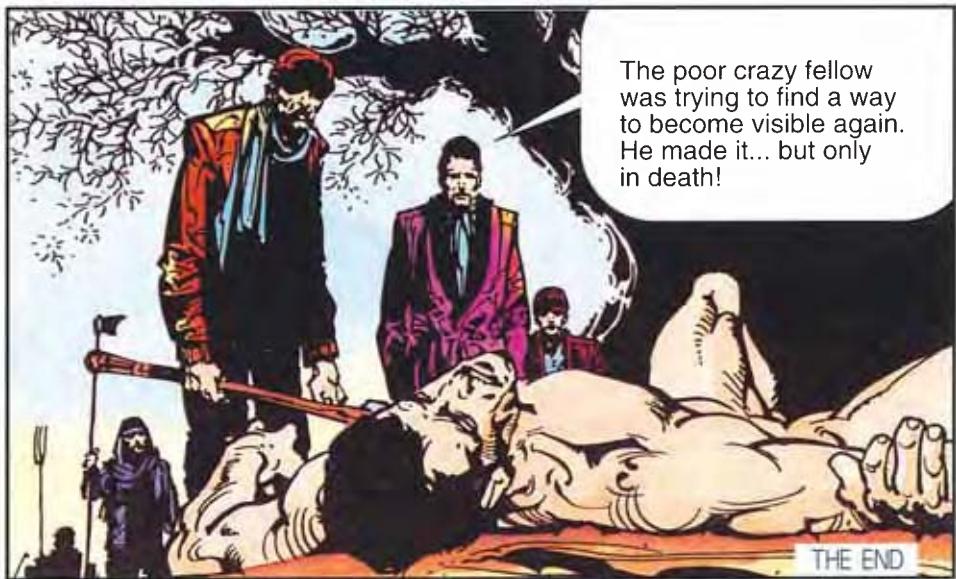
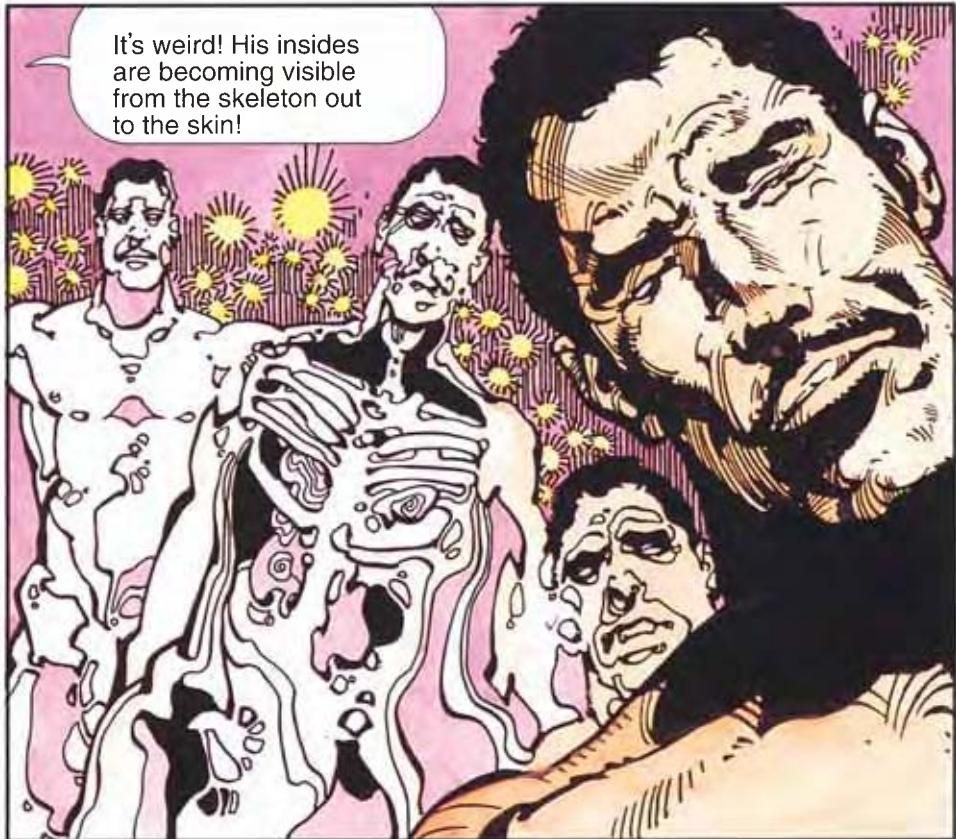


But one of the workmen threw his shovel through the air...



But the Invisible Man's fighting suddenly stopped and a strange sight met their wondering eyes.





The Invisible Man

What would you do if you could become invisible?

When a brilliant scientist discovers an invisibility formula, he turns to a life of crime—stealing and terrorizing the public.

Read the exciting story of the Invisible Man's destructive deeds and the manhunt to find him!

